



BLUE IS THE NEW GREEN

MAKE THE PLEDGE TO RECYCLE



RECYCLING GUIDELINES

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WHAT TO PUT IN YOUR RECYCLING CART

Paper:

- Advertisement circulars
- Carbonless paper
- Cardboard: cereal boxes with the liners removed, beverage cartons, dry goods packaging, corrugated cardboard, paper towel and toilet paper cores. Large boxes must be broken down or cut to fit in cart.
- Catalogues
- Envelopes (with or without windows)
- Junk mail
- Magazines
- Newspapers (all sections)
- Office paper: file folders, letterhead, sticky notes, printer paper, calendars and school papers
- Staples do not need to be removed
- Paperback books
- Paper bags
- Phone books

Plastics:

- Please rinse. All colors accepted and labels may be left on container.
- All plastics labeled 1 to 7
 - Bottles
 - Cups
 - Jars
 - Food trays
 - Food tubs
 - Bowls

Cart tip #1: Pizza boxes are recyclable as long as they contain no food residue or oil. If bottom of the box is dirty, cut and recycle only the top.



Cart tip #2: To move the cart, make sure the lid is closed. Hold the cart handle and tip the cart back on its wheels before attempting to push or roll.

Metals:

- Please rinse. Labels may be left on container.
- Aluminum drink cans
 - Aluminum baking tins
 - Steel or tin food can and lids
 - Empty aerosol cans (remove nozzle and discard in trash)

Glass:

- Please rinse. All colors are accepted. Labels may be left on container. Remove metal and plastic lids and discard in trash.
- Bottles
 - Jars

HOW TO PLACE THE RECYCLING CART

- Place recycling cart out no later than 7 a.m. on your pickup day.
- All items must fit inside of the cart with the lid closed.
- No bagged or boxed recyclables placed beside the cart will be collected.
- Place cart at least 5ft. from utility poles, trees, gas or water meters, fire hydrants, cars, sprinkler heads or other items that collection equipment could damage.
- Use only city issued carts; no other carts or bins will be emptied.
- Do not block mailbox or sidewalk with cart.

DO NOT PUT IN THE RECYCLING CART

- ⊗ Household trash
- ⊗ Aluminum foil
- ⊗ Appliances
- ⊗ Auto glass
- ⊗ Clothes
- ⊗ Clothes hangers
- ⊗ Dead animals
- ⊗ Drink boxes and straws
- ⊗ Garden hoses
- ⊗ Light bulbs
- ⊗ Toys
- ⊗ Paper milk and juice cartons
- ⊗ Plastic bags
- ⊗ Propane tanks
- ⊗ Shredded Paper
- ⊗ Styrofoam® formed packing or "peanuts"
- ⊗ Waxed paper and waxed food containers
- ⊗ Grass clippings and bagged leaves. Please note residents receive two special bagged leaves collection for free a year. Call 3-1-1 to request the special collection service.
- ⊗ Plastic containers that held hazardous materials such as motor oil, paint, pesticide or weed killer. Throw empty containers in the trash. Dispose of leftover household chemicals for free at the permanent household hazardous waste facility located at 7030 Culebra Road or the seasonal facility located at 1800 Bitters Road.

Cart tip #3: To clean cart use a garden hose to rinse out. Cleanliness of the cart is the resident's responsibility.

